



GOD'S LOVE

LONG-SUFFERING

Bertha Mae Bruce

Is there no other way, O God,
Except through sorrow, pain, and loss,
To stamp Christ's likeness on my soul;
No other way except the cross?

And then a voice stills all my soul,
As stilled the waves of Galilee,
“Canst thou not bear the furnace heat,
If 'mid the flames I walk with thee?”

“I bore the cross, I know its weight;
I drank the cup I hold for thee.
Canst thou not follow where I lead?
I'll give thee strength; lean hard on me.”

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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“Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for I am with thee,” Josh. 10:25; Gen. 26:24.

1 TIM. 3:15

Aug. 17, 1946

NOTICE...

Brother Lauster Released

After many prayers having been offered, and much correspondence between this office and the British Government, we have news that Brother Herman Lauster, our missionary to Germany, who was drafted into the German Army by the Nazis and captured by the British to be held as a prisoner of war, has been released to return to Germany to take up his ministerial work again.

Please join us in praising God for answer to prayer.

Mission Secretary.

Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

God to heal my body, and for two unspoken requests.—Mrs. A. L. Du-boise, Rt. 1, Box 147, Isola, Miss.

The healing of my mother, Mrs. Mae Hubbard, Rt. 3, Elizabethton, Tenn., of arthritis and other ailments; also the healing of my body of a weak, nervous condition.—Miss Beulah Hubbard, Rt. 3, Elizabethton, Tenn.

The Lord to save and heal my sister, and heal my body.—Frances Waddell, Rt. 1, Ruleville, Miss.

God to heal my little boy. He suffers so much. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Curtis Whitaker, Rt. 3, Williamston, N. C.

The healing of my two daughters, the healing of my body, the healing of my grandson, and the healing of Sister Varnus of sugar diabetes.—Flora Jones, Christopher, Ill.

God to undertake for my home.—Mrs. Annie Mae Rowell, c/o Thomas Vernable, Rt. 2, Fort Payne, Ala.

The healing of my eyes.—Mollie L. Wilson, 713 North Main St., Weatherford, Tex.

God to heal Sister Charlsie (Hankins) Brunson of T. B. She has six children. Also for God to save and heal my sister, Mrs. Kenneth Wolfe, of New Orleans, La.—Mrs. Russell Staten, Cascilla, Mississippi.

The healing of Mrs. George F. Owen, Rt. 6, Box 340, Lexington, N. C.

The Lord to heal my baby.—Mrs. J. E. Dodds, Star Route, Larkinsville, Ala.

The Lord to heal my husband of a disease that only the Lord can heal, and also to heal him of hay fever.—

Mrs. S. L. Pickering, 400 Phillips St., Marietta, Ohio.

The Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. Sallie Ott, Rt. 3, Winnsboro, S. C.

Mrs. Etta Shearer to be healed; she is a patient in the Mt. Washington Rest Home.—Ann Raney, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The healing of a friend's body, both of my parents, and a special request.—F. E. Newby, Whigham, Ga.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost, and for the healing of my stomach and head. Will appreciate letters.—James Heaton, Box 325, Shannon, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of arthritis.—Mrs. C. W. Bjork, 3260 L St., Vancouver, Wash.

The Lord to heal my body.—a reader.

The Lord to heal my stomach and head.—A sister in Christ.

DEATHS

CHANEY

Vela Smith Chaney, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith and wife of Buell Chaney, passed from this life June 22, 1946, at the age of twenty-four years and six months. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Hamilton, Ohio, and for eight years was the pianist of the church.—Shelton G. Brock, pastor.

HARNAGE

The church of God at Perry has lost another faithful and loyal member, Brother C. H. Harnage, age sixty-five years. On July 6, he moved to a better world.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor.—Don Staten, Perry, Fla.

Report of the Committees on the Proposed Unification of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Church of God

In response to an invitation from the Supreme Council of the Church of God, the General Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Holiness Church elected a committee of five of its members to meet with a representative group from the Supreme Council to consider the possibility and advisability of a union of the two churches.

The committee representing the Church of God included John C. Jernigan, General Overseer; H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer; E. C. Clark, Superintendent of Publication; E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary-Treasurer; and E. L. Simmons, President of the Bible College. The committee from the General Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Holiness Church was composed of Paul F. Beacham, General Superintendent; T. L. Aaron, President of Emanuel College; R. O. Corvin, Secretary of Board of Education; W. W. Carter, Superintendent, Virginia Conference; and G. H. Montgomery, Editor-in-Chief, Pentecostal Holiness Literature.

These committees met in Cleveland, Tennessee, July 23 and had a free and extended discussion particularly of the doctrines and polity of the two bodies. All of the sessions were held in an atmosphere of congeniality and genuine Christian fellowship, and it was very gratifying to both committees to discover that so far as they were able to see, there are no difficulties in the way of consolidation that cannot be eliminated.

The committee feels, however, that it is important to have another meeting for the discussion of certain details before formulating a statement to be presented to the entire Supreme Council and the General Board of Administration. This meeting will be held the 12th of November, 1946, and a report at that time prepared to be presented to a joint meeting of the two administrative bodies.

Chairmen:

PAUL F. BEACHAM
General Superintendent of P. H. Church

JOHN C. JERNIGAN
General Overseer of the Church of God

What's Wrong with American Marriages?

Condensed from
Cosmopolitan

PHILIP WYLIE,
in Reader's Digest

Eager grooms and dreamy
brides should realize that
the true purpose of marriage
is parenthood.

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One fifth of the American marriages end in divorce. In the 20-to-30 year group, this figure is approaching one third. What, then, is wrong?

American marriage is cracking up on an unrealistic and ridiculous philosophy which I will call romantic love," together with an overemphasis on "sex appeal." When the boys are far from home, do they set up ideals of women as family halves, women as young mothers, as breeding, working mates in homes? Or could it be that they paper their barracks with pin-up girls—the sexier the better?

Where, among the pin-up babes, are the pin-up babies. The very thought will doubtless make what we regard as the average "masculine" American stir with discomfort. Babies come afterward, he will say, and they are in the dame department exclusively. He is frantic to do what leads to fatherhood—and ashamed of babies! Sex love and romantic love in America have, indeed, so thickly obscured the deep instinct of fatherhood that, for many men, the whole emotion of paternity begins and ends with the passing out of cigars after the birth of a son.

One fundamental trouble with marriage now becomes plain: Nobody teaches *fatherhood* in America. And yet it is the basic reason for the very existence of males!

Lessons in the application of this deep instinct should come from experience, from observation, from the growing boy's contact with a real father. But after the birth of his child the American father pretty much vanishes. He is at the office, the store, the factory, all day. At night—if he and Mother are not out playing bridge, or at a bar or movie, while a "sitter" takes their places—if Father is actually at home, he is probably either entertaining adult friends or else is tired out. He is a near stranger to his children. The father's warm affection, his understanding, leadership, example and intense personal care just aren't.

To take the place of fatherhood—

and, to some extent, of motherhood also—our society has invented endless forms of child appeasement: radio programs and comic books, movies and kindergartens and summer camps—parent substitutes of every possible sort. And the great function of teaching school—a function fulfilled until a few generations ago by males—has been delegated to women.

Thus, the American boy is woman-raised and woman-trained through 90 per cent of his life, and half that time by women who have not been married or borne children. The American father is so derelict of his duty and ignorant of his privilege that he will not even accept the general responsibility of fatherhood. How many men in your community give vital chunks of energy, time, money and creative effort to *collective fatherhood*? How many watch their local school boards with intelligent vigilance? How many take active part in solving the problems of juvenile delinquents? How many strive and sweat for underprivileged kids?

That is what Nature designed males to do at home and in the community. That is fatherhood. That is the missing *sense of maleness* which has driven so many wives to bleak despair, so many others to divorce.

Men are only half responsible for the decline of marriage and the American home. Sex appeal is not usually woman's principal husband criterion. But romantic love—which essentially is nothing but puppy love among adults—is a shiver in almost every girl's heart. In almost every magazine story and movie, the heroine wants romance; when she finds it, marriage accompanies it, and the "happy ending" is at hand. American girls are conditioned to believe that when they marry they will automatically "live happily forever after." In nearly all our romances, moreover, the hero turns out to have a good deal of money.

This myth overlooks several plain facts. First, the amount of money a man has does not affect his character

or companionability; indeed, if he has too much money he is often spoiled and cantankerous. Second, the idea that marriage alone is an end of any sort—especially a guaranteed "happy ending"—ignores the truth, which is that marriage resembles graduation and is merely a commencement. Third, marriage can be romantic only to those persons who have always found their environment romantic, however hard it may sometimes have been.

Too many American brides anticipate, in marriage, a perpetual extension of courtship. To them, marriage is their thrilling engagement with sex love added, material comforts provided, and babies a possibility to be contemplated later. This is a rather delirious illusion.

Mature marriage replaces the courting phase with calm purpose. There is a realization that a family is not to be regarded as a future, speculative adventure, but as the reason for mating. Sex as an event is no adequate foundation for marriage; and the husband who chose his bride because she was his dish will find, if that is all she is, how soon prettiness alone becomes monotonous.

Infidelity is the reason given for most divorces. But any marriage brought to divorce through adultery was ready for divorce before the act occurred, because of wrongheaded purpose somewhere in the partnership.

There is one further delusion about marriage which is shared by too many American boys and girls: the "one-and-only" myth. This, of course, is silly. If there were only one boy for each girl, the likelihood that they would meet would be statistically almost nil.

The one-and-only theory puts a fierce handicap on wedlock because its devotees first dream about a marriage partner, then marry, and then, willy-nilly, apply the original dream to the living being. Wherever the wife or husband falls short of the romanticized one-and-only there will exist a "cause" for the other partner
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RELIGION... and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Protestant Responsibility

NAE magazine stated that "Protestant America is forever crowding God out of our living and relegating Him to the scrap heap of worn-out ideas. Do we believe for one moment that our American youth is being educated according to Christian ideals and standards? Out of 821,000 children of New York City who were examined, only 383,000 were found to have ever received any religious training. Our public schools are failing to curb crime. In 1940 alone, 2,900,000 crimes were committed by boys and girls under twenty-one years of age. What of those who were never brought to justice? We have it on good authority that our present juvenile delinquency problem is largely a Protestant responsibility. At least these young offenders are not students of our parochial schools."

Protestants Lose in France

Pastor Roquette reports that Protestantism has fallen from 480,000 members in 1872 as against its present membership of 237,000 members in the Reformed Church. Assuming that a comparable loss was sustained by other Protestant groups, this situation may be called tragic.

National Tragedy

Dr. Harry C. Munro, director of the National Christian Teaching Mission of the International Council of Religious Education, declared that "young married" couples and young people just out of college are the "most unchurched" group in the Nation. Dr. Munro said that survey in large cities, towns and villages discloses that young adults are not being reached by religious education or by church organization. The next largest "unchurched group" is reported to be "very young children"; who, of course, are the offspring of those "young married" couples who are unchurched. Here are two generations fast becoming unbelievers in Christ and the church. This younger generation has passed through the serious anti-Christian drills made in many schools throughout our country. Here is tragedy in its most serious form.

Making a Saint

Time magazine, speaking about Frances Xavier Cabrini being made a saint, said, "Ordinarily, no step toward sainthood can be taken until the 'servant of God' in question has been dead at least fifty years. In her case, however, it was found that a saint could probably be made a little quicker, so the Catholic Church really began toward making her a saint after ten years." But, somehow, making one a saint after he is dead seems a little risky. The Lord used to make a person a saint after his sins were washed away; they were, therefore, addressed as saints in the New Testament. 1 Cor. 1:2; Dan. 7:8; 8:13; Matt. 27:52; Acts 9:13; 1 Tim. 5:10, etc. Somehow, I rather like it the Lord's way.

Hell Incorporated

Message passed along the following: "A \$40,000 lot has been purchased in Las Vegas, Nevada, where 'Hell Incorporated' is to be built. It is to run day and night, twenty-four hours every day in the week, and will contain every kind of amusement and vice that exists. On the front, a large \$5,000 neon sign will advertise the place. It is in the form of a devil with an arrow for a pitchfork which constantly moves, pointing the way to 'Hell.' Also, along the road between Los Angeles and Las Vegas are large road signs which say, 'You're on the road to Hell,' 'This is the way to Hell,' 'Hell is Fun!'"

This place of "Hell" will be deception on parade. Those who partake will do so blantly and knowingly. The day will come when God will make men to have serious minds. It may be sickness, calamity, or otherwise judgment.

Revival Attacked by Communists

Rev. Harvey Springer, writing in *Western Voice*, stated that "300 men and women blocked the streets, in Moscow fashion, leading to the tent where Rev. Springer was conducting a revival, and terrorized 1,500 Christian people who had quietly gathered for worship and soul-winning services, in Kansas City early in July.

Speakers were booed and shouted down; those praying were mocked and derided and the altar call for penitent sinners was rudely interrupted. The tent was set on fire . . . and an army bomb was fired and thrown into the aisle. Gerald K. Smith was a special guest-speaker for the hour. His subject was "The Red Fascist Plot To Destroy America." The attack began shortly after Mr. Smith began to speak

The Poisoned Pot

RNS reports that, "the Freethinkers Club of Czechoslovakia has inaugurated training courses in 'socialist morals' for teachers in charge of freethinkers' children in the nation's public schools, Emmanuel Voska, president of the organization, disclosed. He claimed that 8,000 of Czechoslovakia's 60,000 school teachers are freethinkers and said the training program is being supported by Minister of Education Zdenek Nejedly, a Communist.

"Three hundred teachers will be trained during the first year, Voska said, and it is hoped that the number will be increased every year until Czech villages with more than ten freethinking children will be provided with instructors.

"The Czech free thinkers' organization represents an amalgamation of various Socialist Democratic and Communist groups, and is in contact with similar societies in other countries, Voska declared."

Only the meal of the gospel, ground to Pentecostal fullness, will stop the poison of the ultra-political gourds of antichristian trends. 2 Kings 4:41.

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THERE is such a general concern among us because of the fact that the children of some of the finest and most well-meaning Christian parents turn out to be indifferent about religion and a discredit to their parents in their conduct, that I feel moved to offer a few thoughts about the punishment of children, from the standpoint of how the child feels about it. I am convinced that too frequently, as parents approach middle age, the vivid memories of their own childhood fade and they lose the ability to understand and sympathize with their growing children. This article will attempt to remind them somewhat, and to interpret the feelings of children about punishment in terms of a few simple rules with illustrations. It is based largely on personal experience and observation, partly on the counsel of specialists in the field.

By "child" I shall refer to those between the ages of approximately three and fourteen. I am not familiar with the training of children younger than the talking age; and, as for those who have passed adolescence, ordinary forms of punishment are useless, or even worse. If a child has not been reared properly before fourteen, it is too late to straighten him up by parental authority.

Rule 1. The child should understand the command and admit his guilt before being punished.

That appears to me the most important single rule that could be formed on the subject. If a parent always observed this rule, it would automatically do away with the risk of punishing a child when he doesn't know exactly what for. It would tend to do away with some of the unreasonable commands that parents give to children. For example, I recently saw a man, wife and little girl walking along a sidewalk with plenty of room in both directions and only a few pedestrians in sight. The girl ran a short distance ahead, the only reason I could imagine, being just to let off a little steam. (Note that according to experts a growing child should have opportunity for at least four hours a day of big-muscle activity.) The man chased the little girl down, grabbed her in a spirit of anger, and whipped her severely, saying, "I told you not to run ahead." I feel certain that the whipping did far more harm than good, in destroying more of the child's confidence in her parents.

I wonder what that unhappy man

A Wise Father Maketh a Glad Son



HORACE MCCRACKEN

a parent who has made a mistake in dealing with his child should not apologize for it? Well, is there? I realize that it is customary for the parent to keep a proud silence, and think that the child will forget. Oh what a vain and costly fallacy! You who have observed so well that children retain memorized scripture verses better than adults; do you also think that a child will quickly forget an unjust whipping, or a serious argument in which the child proves to be right? The joys and sorrows of childhood are just as real and far-reaching in their effects as the joys and sorrows of adult life.

Rule 2. Punishment should be as closely related to the offense as possible, in point of time and in the thinking of the child.

First, the relation in the thinking of the child. Have you ever thought how unreasonable it is to paddle a boy for breaking a window, paddle him for telling a lie, paddle him for getting his feet wet against orders, paddle him for stealing a watermelon, paddle him for going to a show, etc., etc.; exactly the same kind of punishment for dozens of different kinds of offenses? I suggest that it will do the boy more good to make him earn and buy another windowpane and put it in himself—even if it takes the father twice as long to make the boy put it in right as it would to do it himself; or instead of the same old routine paddling for stealing the watermelon, make the boy earn and buy another and give it to the owner with an apology. In that way the punishment is related to the act, and makes a much deeper impression on the child. But there definitely is a place for paddlings, and this is it, there are some things for which no practically related type of correction is available, so you tell the child clearly and definitely beforehand that

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would have said if someone had asked him *why* the girl should not run ahead? Whatever he might have answered, what he meant would have been this: *I'm an adult and I don't feel like running, therefore, she should not be permitted to run.* The same thing applies to church and the four-year-old: *I want to listen to a forty-five-minute sermon without moving, therefore, you should not be permitted to move for forty-five minutes (even though you haven't one speck of interest in what is being said and the seats are made for grownups so that your feet hang painfully off the floor).* Now I am not saying that children should be permitted to create a disturbance in church, for there are ways of solving the problem. All I am pointing out is that a child is *not* just a small scale version of an adult, and that it is unreasonable to demand that a child think and act in adult ways. For another example: instead of absolutely forbidding a four-year-old boy to play in the mud (when he had on old clothes and there was nothing else around for him to play with) and punishing him very hard for doing so, he should have been allowed to play in the mud as much as he wanted to, and then when it was appropriate to do something else, teach him to clean up and change clothes neatly and cheerfully.

Back to the rule: The value of the child's admitting his guilt will be very evident. However, one related thought comes to me. If the parent were always this careful, it would certainly develop sometime that he had been in the wrong. Is there any reason why

The Fountain of the Water of Life

(FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING)

By ARTHUR H. HIBBS

Text: "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water," John 7:38.

As I sit at my desk and read the title of this message, a great surge of spiritual power rushes through my soul. Many years ago, when I was just a lad, I would often pass through the parks or playgrounds of the city, and behold the wonderful beauty of the fountains in the midst of a great surrounding of flowers and botanical plants which displayed the beautiful handiwork of God in their creation. I was impressed by the impulse to stop and admire the beauty and serene sweetness of the vitality which comes through, and with the waters which rushed forth from that fountain.

Coming down a few years farther, I beheld another fountain: more beautiful in splendor; more serene in purity; and more wonderful than can be described, because it flows directly from under the throne of God. Praise His Holy name forever! Amen.

We read in Zechariah 14:8, that the Lord said, "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be."

Also, we read in John 7:37-39: "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

In Acts 2:17-21 we read, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED."

"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them into living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Rev. 7:17.

And last, "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the FOUNTAIN of the WATER OF LIFE freely," Rev. 21:6.

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb," Revelation 22:1.

The fountains (naturally speaking) of this world are sometimes not given to the poor, the maim, the halt and the meek: and most aptly they may never be enjoyed by the underpriv-

ileged in this life, but God has provided a spiritual fountain to be enjoyed by all. Revelation 21:6.

Whenever you are converted, you get your first taste of the water of life. Whosoever will may plunge himself into the fountain of God's blessings and come away with the glory of God in his soul. Praise the Lord forever! Amen.

Many times, we, as natural flesh, have had the desire or urge to plunge into the waters as they were spraying their substance out over a vast area, and were thrilled by the softness of the touch of their sweetness. There is something in nature which is appealing to the soul of mankind. Yet, it (nature) is only an instrument of the Lord to get close to our hearts. Many times we may get under the fountain in a natural pool, and after a while we will be tired of the water and weary of such sports. But in this fountain of the water of life, we can plunge into the deepness of God, and never grow weary or faint. The natural fountain may run dry; it may become stagnant or be filled with things of unwanted nature; but the fountain of the water of life is always pure; clear and sweet; directly from the throne of God. It never runs low and never stops.

Christian friend, if you have never plunged into the deepness of the fountain before, please cast yourself out into the deepness of God's fountain now. It is wonderful! It is something that is "joy unspeakable and full of Glory."

Remember, the deeper you get in the fountain of God, the sweeter the tide grows, and the more precious it is to your soul. Let us work with God and be a close friend to Him. Amen.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Will Convene at

Birmingham, Alabama

August 29 - September 1



THE BISHOPS' COUNCIL will be held in the large auditorium of Phillips High School, Birmingham, Ala., which is very adequate for the meeting, and within easy walking distance of the auditorium, August 24, 9:30 a.m., through the 26th.

THE YOUTH CONVENTION will convene August 27, 9:30 a.m., through August 28, in the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY will open its regular session in the Municipal Auditorium, August 29 at 9:30 a.m. and will close September 1 at noon.

The Fires of the Holy Ghost

By James O. Campbell

John the Baptist, the unique preacher of all time, came preaching in the wilderness of Judaea. Since he was the forerunner of our Lord, part of his message was, "There cometh one after me which is preferred before me . . . I indeed baptize you with water, but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." Then when Christ came to be baptized of John in Jordan, the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. To John this was significant because he had been promised, "Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining upon him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."

Christ, the One who "must increase," while John "must decrease," was inaugurated into the ministry at His baptism. Not only did the Spirit descend upon Him but also a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." It was in the temple when our Lord and Master stood up to read that He declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he hath anointed me to preach the gospel." During His ministry, He chose twelve disciples, to whom He gave the future work of His Church. Just before His ascension to His Father, we hear Him saying, "John truly baptized with water but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Those future pillars of the Church were told, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. But tarry until ye be endued with power from on high." If it were necessary for them, it is also necessary for us today.

Fire is used in the Scriptures as a symbol of the presence of God, and is a sign of divine approval upon the various types of worship. You remember the pillar of fire which led Israel out of Egypt's bondage. To Israel it was light, while it was darkness to their enemies. Also, the Shekinah glory which filled the tabernacle and temple. So great was this glory that the priest could not minister as usual. The Shekinah glory was a favorite type of Pentecost.

As we proceed with the thought, let us notice how spiritual fire and natural fire will compare.

FIRE GIVES COMFORT

Christ promised His disciples before He ascended to the Father, "I will not leave you comfortless . . . I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter." And He was so kind and considerate as to tell who this Comforter would be. "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost." We hear Paul say, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in trouble, by the same comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted." There is no earthly friend that can comfort us like the precious Holy Ghost in the hard-testing times of our experience.

FIRE GIVES LIGHT

Again we hear Christ say, "He shall guide you into all truth." Since the Book of all books was written by holy men as they were inspired by the Holy Ghost, certainly it can be revealed to us aright by the same Spirit. Paul says, "Spiritual things are spiritually discerned." We are advised to write them upon the table of our hearts, and talk them when we lie down and when we rise up and when we walk by the way. As the Psalmist expressed it, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night" and again, "In thy light we see light." God can use the unlearned, but He can mightily use the learned. You surely have to have a knowledge of the light (the Bible) or you can't let that light shine to others as you should. There are so many who find that the Bible is far more interesting after they receive this heavenly fire than it ever was before.

FIRE PURIFIES

In the same passage where John is speaking of the fires of Hades, he also mentions the Holy Ghost and fire. Speaking of Christ, he says, "He will thoroughly purge his floor." Then

Christ said of His father, "Every branch in me which beareth fruit he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." As this holy fire goes down into our innermost being and purges out the dross. It is sometimes very painful to our natural man, but "afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness."

FIRE HAS ITS ATTRACTION

As someone has said, the disciples didn't have to advertise their ten-day service in the upper room. The fire fell and it was "noised abroad." Your writer has never known of a time in all the thirty-five years of his being around Pentecostal people, that the Holy Spirit's work did not cause great attraction. There is sounding brass and tinkling cymbals but only one true Pentecostal experience.

In closing, I mention a few other things that this holy fire will do for an individual. It helps us to see only the good virtues of our fellow Christian, and forget his faults. It will help us share each other's burdens, to be courteous and kind to our fellow workman. A great volume could be written on the many things it will help us do and not do. Let us keep pace with the Spirit and follow Him on until we receive heaven's best. Then the fires of Pentecost will burn more perfectly in our lives and we will be able to exemplify these things to those who need them most. Amen.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICAN MARRIAGES?

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to consider the marriage an error, a failure to secure the storybook mate. For that reason alone, marriage is endured by millions of people who believe they have made a mistake. Actually, it is often their philosophy which was wrong. Some of these people turn their disappointment into chronic nagging or into repeated adultery. But hundreds of thousands get divorced and go hunting again for that mythical one-and-only!

All these attitudes toward marriage add up to a picture of immaturity. Males who have not grown up with the cardinal intention of being fathers, haven't grown up. Women who expect to remain brides—and to become mothers without also being wives—are still adolescent. A wife is, first of all, the *partner of a true fath-*

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Self-Examination and True Christian Living

By L. L. Beasley

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" 2 Cor. 13:5.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," Rom. 8:1. In harmonizing these scriptures, we find that if we are in the faith, walking after the Spirit, we are in Christ Jesus and He in us, and we have no condemnation; otherwise we are reprobates (rejected), walking after the flesh, and are under condemnation.

The thought we want to notice here is this, he is speaking to professing Christians, those who are not reprobates, or condemned and lost, but are in the faith and children of God, not part God's people and part Satan's. What did Jesus say, speaking to the church of Laodiceans? "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth," Rev. 3:15, 16. But if we are calling ourselves Christians, Christ-like, like Christ, and are living the life unspotted from the world, we are in the faith and there should be no doubt in our minds.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him," Heb. 11:6. Paul said, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," 1 Cor. 3:11. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith," Heb. 12:2a. The faith we have

in our Lord is the starting point, the foundation of all the Christian characteristics which we can add to our faith. We noticed where Peter was speaking of the increases of God's graces, and exhorting to faith and good works. He said, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; And to temperance, patience; and to patience,

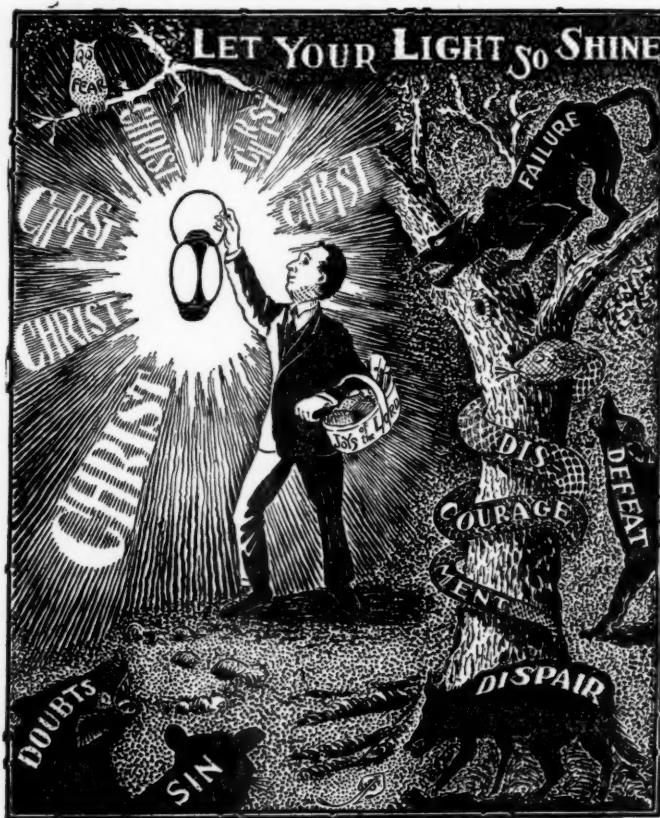
thoughts to others, and I must do so. I think I am justifiable in saying that we must fully consecrate our lives to God and His services if we expect to receive His great blessing and rewards. By the help of the Lord, I am referring to scriptures so plain and firm that these subjects are explained without a commentary. But I would like to say here, we need more consecrated saints of God for examples. Sinners are watching the life, the walk and talk of professing Christians. The life we are living will help sinners accept Christ or else drive them farther away.

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 1 Peter 4:17, 18.

Now if we take a complete inventory of our own life, certainly we can know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. 1 John 3:14. "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two com-

mandments hang all the law and the prophets," Matt. 22:37-40.

I think these great commandments cover all the commandments, for this reason: if we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and love our neighbor as ourself, that love is established in our hearts sufficiently that we will automatically, by divine nature, observe all the commandments through love to God. Jesus said, "This



godliness; And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity," 2 Peter 1:5-7. These increases of God's graces we can add to our faith if we have the faith, the foundation of the characteristics upon which to build.

I feel much impressed to write something concerning self-examination. I have found this so beneficial it is on my heart to convey these

is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," John 15:12, 13.

Self-examination will help us see ourselves as we are, whether we have this love. But some people are not willing to measure themselves up to the Bible and let the Word of God have its full course in their life; but try to quote scriptures they claim will uphold their argument, and justifying themselves in the way they desire to live, not measuring their life up to the Bible, but measuring the Bible up to their own way of living. In this age, a time of prosperity, when people are so greatly blessed, so many are unthankful and discontented, and in a state of unhappiness; people so much concerned about money and the cares of this life, first looking after financial affairs, to sustain this present life and to satisfy their desire for worldly things; then, if there be any time in their life for God, that comes second. This ought not to be. God should be first in all things.

The Bible says, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows," 1 Tim. 6:10. The love for this present life and the things of the world has filled the hearts and minds of some church members (professing Christians) to the extent that their love for one another and for God has grown cold. Their light has become dim or gone out. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold, Matt. 24:12. If people would check their own lives correctly and find their neglect in going to church, praying, and reading their Bibles, there would be less backsliders, and more remaining Christians.

No wonder the Bible says, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light," Eph. 5:14.

"Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit," Matt. 12:33. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men," Matt. 5:13. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the hus-

bandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch in me that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit," John 15:1, 2. By neglect and disobedience to God, it is an easy matter for Christians to become unfruitful in their spiritual works, losing their saving power, their life being a light to bring sinners to Christ, and that devil we read about in 1 Peter 5:8, as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour. He is working in a great way to destroy God's people. It seems that one of his most sneaking plans is to slip into the churches, causing divisions in the understanding of members, and a spirit of indifference and jealousy. If this exists, he probably creates envy and hatred. Members get offended and become dissatisfied with their pastor or evangelist, refusing to attend and cooperate with the church and do their part to help win souls for Christ. I do not say this referring to any particular churches, but Satan's undermining tricks will cause this trouble if permitted. Let us watch.

The Bible says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching," Heb. 10:25. The work and responsibility is not all on the preacher; every member has his part to do as a duty. We may think we are not needed much at church because we all can't preach, sing, or do what others do. This is the very way Satan wants us to feel. The Bible says, "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness," 1 Cor. 12:22, 23. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much," Luke 16:10.

We have no excuse. Let us go to church. Note those eight spiritual gifts Paul was speaking of in 1 Cor. 12:28, that God set in the Church. Note the sixth one—helps. We can observe our duty in different ways in this particular gift. One of the special, important works in this gift is working with the seekers, praying with them at the altar. If I should undertake to sit back in the congregation after the seekers have gathered around the altar to pray through to victory, I would think im-

mediately about the good patience of the saints, how they prayed and helped me when I got the blessing and how I appreciated it. One of Satan's plans is to hinder Christians from doing their duty, that he may cause them to sin the sin of omission.

One of the most hurtful and dangerous times for church members is when they lose control of that little member which becomes unruly. The Bible says, "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and is set on fire of hell," James 3:6. The failure to control the tongue (criticism) not only causes coldness in the church, sapping away the Christians' joy, but you may kill the influence of others who could have been a great blessing to souls, especially when you criticize the preacher or other members, forcing this into the ears of young converts or spiritually weak Christians. This may be a deadly poison to their soul. Let us refrain from criticism. We will never criticize if we will only obey the golden rule: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets," Matt. 7:12. None of us like to be criticized, therefore, let us not criticize others. This is a fault and self-examination will take care of this, of those who really want to live right, but are where the danger is. If we fail to take a close check on our own life, we may ignorantly think we are all right when we are not.

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," 1 Cor. 10:12. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven," Matt. 7:21.

It greatly behooves every one of us to seek diligently to know the will of our God. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," Rom. 12:2.

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." 1 Thess. 4:3.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you," 1 Thess. 5:18.

God bless the readers. Every Christian, pray for me.

Should a Woman Preach or Prophecy?

By Mrs. John F. Thames

Today many are confused, wondering, doubting and disputing because they accept only enough of the Bible to argue. Friends, to please God we must accept it all, for 2 Tim. 3:16 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." How is it going to *correct* us if we fail to believe it? Prov. 2:1-6 teaches us to *receive His words*, hide His commandments with us, to cry after knowledge, seek it as searching for silver or hid treasures. "Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." Therefore, no other answer than God's Word will do to depend on.

In studying this subject, we find it needful to know the difference in preaching, prophesying, or ministering. Webster's dictionary says "preach" means to deliver a sermon; the Bible dictionary says to publish. To "minister" means to serve as pastor or head of church government; "prophecy" means predicting the future, by a person inspired and appointed by God to reveal His will, to warn of approaching judgments, to explain scriptures, make known the truths of God and urge mankind to obedience. The reason there are so many different beliefs, some have gone out without the calling and anointing of God, which are the false prophets Matt. 24:11 teaches us to be aware of.

Exodus 15:20: "And *Miriam* the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances." Judges 4:4: "And *Deborah*, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time." 2 Kings 22:14-17 we find where the king of Judah saw where they had failed to keep God's law and sent the priest and servant to *Huldah*, the prophetess, to inquire of the wrath of God; so they communed with her and she said unto them, "Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: because they have forsaken me."

God gave this woman a message. Why can't He do the same now? Heb. 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

In Luke 8:1-3 we find Jesus going throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God, and the Twelve were with Him, and *certain women*, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, *Mary* called *Magdalene*, out of whom went seven devils, and *Joanna* the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and *Susanna*, and *many others*, which ministered unto Him of their substance. When we testify, we are ministering unto Jesus and prophesying of what He will do for you, too.

1 Cor. 14:31 says, "For ye (you and I) may all (men and women) prophecy, one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted." So many take the 34th verse and try to deny the others, but Paul did not say one thing and then deny it by saying another, but he said "rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

Christ is the head of the Church and man the head of the woman. Therefore, the Bible gives a woman the right to preach, prophecy or minister as long as she is under subjection to the church government, which is where the women are to keep

silent and be under subjection to the men; otherwise it would be a confusion, and the 33d verse of this same chapter says God is not the author of confusion.

Then we find in Rom. 16:1-3 that Paul had women helpers in the church. "I commend unto you *Phebe* our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever *business* she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. Greet *Priscilla* and *Aquila* my helpers in Christ Jesus." Friends, we are not doing ourselves or God justice when we fail to help the women that are laboring for Jesus Christ; also, it is a dangerous thing for it is forbidden in Ps. 105:15: "... Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm." Luke 2:36: "And there was one *Anna*, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great ageage, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity." Acts 21:8-10. Philip, the great evangelist, had four daughters, virgins, which did prophecy. Then, most of all, it was prophesied through God's prophet in Joel 2:28, 29 and Acts 2:17, 18: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophecy." Friends, this is God's Word. May He give us understanding hearts to accept it.

A Testimony . . .

Dear Evangel Readers, it has been requested that I write my experience to the Evangel.

On February 16, 1943, I lost my home by fire. I lost three children; one girl twenty-eight years old, and her little boy five; and two sons, one twenty-two and the other eighteen years. My two boys died in the hospital. My daughter got an elderly woman and her little seven-year-old girl to the window and was overcome saving her little boy. Eight souls in all lost their lives, as I, being a trained nurse, had a convalescent home. My two boys had just spent the week end in Massachusetts, told me about their

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trip, and said good-night. We all said good-night, not thinking we would never see each other again in this world. I was told conflicting stories, that they were at different homes, they were all right, not to worry. I prayed and prayed until morning came. I did not know where my husband was. I knew he was out of the building. My daughter and her little boy were gone; my youngest boy, at five in the morning, had gone to be with his sister and her little boy. At nine o'clock my other boy had gone, and then they broke the sad news to me that husband and little Joan were

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Wisconsin Convention a Great Success

On June 6, we left Des Moines, for the state of Wisconsin, going by train to Minneapolis. We spent the night with Brother Johnson and family, and to say we enjoyed being in their home is just putting it mildly.

The next morning we went by car to Mosinee, Wisconsin, where the convention was to be held. Rev. Ross Hill, one of my Texas buddies, is the local pastor and had everything in readiness for a great convention.

Friday night, June 7, the convention began. The program was well arranged by Rev. Lamuel Johnson, their good state overseer and a man whom the people of that state dearly love. You can't blame those good people for loving their overseer, he always has a smile and a kind word for everyone. In the very first service of the convention, God met with us in a great way, and each service seemed to get better until the last amen.

There are some fine people in Wisconsin and they surely believe in missions. Their mission offering was about three times as much as their last-year offering. Wisconsin is a fine state and the people there love the Church. My opinion of Wisconsin is that in the near future it will be one of our leading states in this section of the country.

There are many fine towns in this state that have never heard a Church of God message. When you pray, pray for this state.—Rev. Wilma Henry, state overseer of Iowa.

New Mexico State Camp Meeting and Convention

The seventeenth day of June, the camp meeting began at Roswell, N. Mex. The church was filled the very first service, with folks from far and near, who had come to this great spiritual feast. And feast it was, for from the very first service the power of God began to be manifested.

Rev. Thea Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., was the night speaker, and spellbound audiences listened to this young man preach the Word of God with mighty demonstrations and power. The altar

was always full to overflowing after each service.

Rev. Vep Ellis of Cleveland, Tenn., was the song director and he arranged a fine quartet of male voices, also another quartet of mixed voices, with whom he sang the fifth part. To say the convention folk enjoyed his singing, special music and song directing is to put it mildly. It was good to some of us to hear some good old Southern singing again!

Rev. Ray Hughes, Rev. Bill Brown, and Rev. W. A. Nicholson and wife, and also Rev. Jimmie Rickles, were a few of the visiting ministers, who contributed a great part to the success of our convention. We felt honored to have such distinguished visitors with us, and hope they enjoyed it so much that they will be back again next year.

We listened to some of as great sermons as I have ever heard, during this camp meeting. But the thing that made it all so great was the mighty presence of God. The power of God would fall in mighty torrents and oh, how our thirsty souls drank in this mighty refreshing downpour!

From the reports we heard from the ministers from over the state, there has been good progress made in every direction. It made our hearts well up praise and adoration as we heard one minister and then another give his report of the progress made by his church. The Lord is still working with us and great things may be expected of this state in the future.

We are thanking God for sending Rev. L. H. Aultman to work with us as our overseer. We love him and his family and appreciate the great work he is doing.

There were thirty-nine conversions. Twenty-five were sanctified, twenty-one were baptized with the Holy Ghost, thirty-nine baptized in water, and fifteen added to the church.

This was the greatest convention and camp meeting this state has had for many years, according to folk who have attended the other meetings here through the years.

We desire the prayers of God's people, that God may cause the Church of God to grow and prosper in New Mexico.—Convention clerk, Mrs. Fan-

nile (Foshee) Davis, Box 493, Hot Springs, New Mexico.

Louisiana State Camp Meeting and Convention

Evangel readers, we can not tell you all the good things about our camp meeting and convention, which convened July 8-14. Space permits only a few high lights, but this, first, and for which we are most grateful; God met with us. Our church building at Shepherd's Fold, we knew, would not accommodate the crowds who thronged the night services, especially. So, the Lee Road Consolidated School building was secured before the state meeting began. The spacious auditorium, well-equipped cafeteria and rest rooms were an added comfort.

Our camp meeting had the mellow sweet spirit of brotherly love and Holy Ghost anointed service. Each song and every testimony or sermon seemed to become a part of those present and draw us a little closer to our Lord. Brother C. E. Richard of Rome, Ga., was our guest speaker for the evening services, and God blessed him in feeding our souls. The altar filled each night with earnest seekers and several prayed through to the Holy Ghost. We believe we had the largest attendance we have ever had. There were delegates from all the churches in the state and our visitors were representative of seven other states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee. We were glad to welcome these good Church of God people to our state, and their presence, testimonies, special singing, and preaching were an added blessing to our services.

We thank God, too, for the good corps of workers He is giving us in Louisiana. The pastors and evangelists, as well as our esteemed state overseer, have a zeal to win souls, and the reports showed an increase of membership in almost every church. The revival spirit is running high. Several of the larger churches have missions in other sections of the towns and cities, which are growing toward churches. The financial reports, too, were good; so if you, my brother preacher, feel a desire to work for lost souls, don't let the devil tell you you will starve in Louisiana. God is here and His are the cattle of a thousand hills.

The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band, (Continued on page 14)

REVIVALS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—I wish to report a grand revival at West Nashville, Tenn., conducted by Rev. J. A. Swift. He delivered some of the most soul-stirring messages I have ever heard. Every service was crowned with the glory and power of the Holy Ghost. The entire church was edified and blessed beyond measure. God will bless where ministers are willing to praise the sanctifying blood of Jesus. Some have dared to leave it out of their messages, making them incomplete. A number were converted, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire as they were on the day of Pentecost. A number were reclaimed.—Your Brother in Christ, James H. Clark, pastor, 6111 Cent. Blvd.

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HUMBOLDT, Tenn.—The Church of God at Humboldt has just closed the best revival in the history of the church. The church was set in order in 1939. Brother James H. Clark, pastor of the West Nashville, Tennessee, church was our evangelist. Every message was under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. God surely did move on the people. The altar was full every night, from thirty to forty seeking God.

There were thirty-six saved, fifteen sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water, and twenty-six added to the church.

We want to praise God for our good pastor and wife, Rev. M. A. Gifford. The church surely has made progress under their leadership. We had eleven members when Brother Gifford came here in September of 1944. Now we have sixty-four. We have paid our church out of debt in the meantime. We owed \$1,140. In our drive we raised \$910 in two week-end services. We had Brother Tidwell, our state overseer, with us for our note-burning service. We had around twenty in Sunday School when Brother Gifford came. Now we have over 100. The church is paying our pastor more in a week now than it paid him in a month when he came here. We covet your prayers that God will continue to bless us at the Humboldt Church of God.—Horace Chapman, clerk.

NEWBERN, Va.—We are praising the Lord for the great revival we had at the Church of God at Newbern. The power of the Holy Ghost was with us each night in a wonderful way. There were nine saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and seven baptized in water. We appreciate our evangelist, Rev. S. S. Haymore, Danville, Va. He preached with power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Pray for us at Newbern, that the church will move on for God.—Pastor, E. B. Chrisley.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—This is the final report of our revival with Brother Walter Skutar, evangelist. It was the most outstanding revival I was ever privileged to attend. We began on Wednesday, April 3, and continued for five and one-half weeks. The Lord began blessing in the very first service and Brother Skutar did not have to preach the first two nights. Later in the revival there was one whole week that he did not have to preach. When Brother Skutar spoke, great power and much conviction always followed his message. I can highly recommend him to those who feel the need of a revival. In this meeting our church was blessed in many ways. A large number of souls found the Lord. There were, according to the best we could count, one hundred sixty-two saved, fifty-one sanctified, forty-seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, fifty-one added to the church, with six more after we closed, making a total of fifty-seven. This gave us, since the Assembly, eighty-nine members added to the church. Of our seventeen years of pastoral work, this has been our best one. Thanks to the evangelist, the good people of Jacksonville, and the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for helping us.—L. R. Alderman, pastor.

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WAYNESBORO, Tenn.—We have just closed a very successful revival, beginning June 0, 1946, conducted by Rev. S. W. Kennington, pastor at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Brother Kennington preached three weeks. He really preached the old time gospel under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. People were made to see the way of holiness more plainly. The

church was greatly blessed.

There were thirteen saved, fourteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the Church. Several are to be baptized later. Brother Kennington had to go home but we ran the revival one more week, making four weeks in all, the writer and wife doing the preaching. Two more received the Holy Ghost, making thirteen in all.

Brother Howard Franklin, pastor of the Highland Church of God, came and brought his people and helped us out in the revival some.

The revival closed with several at the altar. This is a new work. Pray for us that God will continue to bless here and that we can have a church building soon.—Frank Gallaher, pastor.

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We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Tiger Creek. There were ten saved, one sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost. God wonderfully blessed the people of that place and we have organized a Church of God Sunday School, conducted by Rev. George Brummet, of Unicoi, and Robert R. Rah, of Hampton, Tenn.

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AVERA, Miss.—The most interesting revival that has been held at the Avera Church of God, in a long time began June 8 and continued through the 23. Large crowds attended, backsliders were reclaimed and saints were drawn closer to God. People were made to fear and tremble. On Monday night, the 17th, the power was greatly manifested and the altar was filled to its capacity. Old gray-headed men were at the altar weeping. Most every one that did not come to the altar left the house. Rev. Wilburn Roberts was the evangelist. Rev. Jett Breland is the pastor and Sister Thelma Massengil was the special singer and altar worker. No one will make a mistake in getting Sister Massengil to help in revivals. She surely was a great blessing to our little church and I am sure she will be a blessing to any one.

Dear saints, please pray for the little band of Christians at the Avera Church, that we will stand true to the end. Pray for our pastor and his family.—Mrs. W. W. Roberts, church clerk.

There is never more room at the top than there is at the bottom, but there will always be room at the top for those who will go to the bottom.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

:: TESTIMONIES ::

Experienced His Healing Power

UNION BEACH, N. J.—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I thank God for victory in my soul. I promised God if He would heal my side I would testify of it. I had a ruptured side for about eight years, but I thank God this morning that several months ago Jesus saw fit to heal me, and I haven't been bothered with my side since.

I also praise God for healing me of sick headaches. I am glad He is always a present help in time of need. I truly thank God for the precious Holy Ghost who abides in my soul just now. I am glad because I have something the world didn't give me and cannot take away. I thank God for baptizing my husband with the Holy Ghost not long ago.

We are both young and we covet your prayers that God will use us to His glory.—Mrs. Russell Butler; 13 Front St.

A Wonderful Savior

MURPHY, N. C.—I wish to praise God tonight for his mighty healing power for I truly know that Jesus heals. I sent in a request for prayer for my side, which was hurting me so badly I could hardly walk. I knew if God didn't undertake soon that I'd have to have an operation, but God touched my body. The morning my request went to the prayer room my side quit hurting and I worked hard all day. Praise His name! It's wonderful to have a Savior like He is. He has healed in our home so many times, for which I'm ever thankful. My side is much better and I know God can completely heal my body. Pray that I will get complete victory over this sickness.—Mrs. Margie J. Stiles, Rt. 1, Box 73.

I Know God Answers Prayer

HARROGATE, Tenn.—Dear Saints, I am writing this letter to let all of you good Church of God people know that I heard from a lot of good people and I am very thankful for the letters and tracts they sent me. I thank everyone who prayed for me and I give God all the praise for healing my throat. The Lord healed me through the laying on of the

Evangel. I took the paper in my hands, took the wrapper off and as I unfolded it I saw a streak of fire, which was the Spirit of God. It ran all over me.

I also received two letters which had anointed cloths in them. I felt the power in both of them.

I have been saved eighteen years, but I have been somewhat negligent though I still pray, still believe in prayer, and still believe God answers. I received so many letters I could not answer all of them. I was surprised at getting so many. I really enjoyed reading them more than I can say.

I ask that you still pray for me and hold me up before God. I also request prayer for my family; they are not saved.

I want all of those friends who wrote me to know that I was thankful for their letters. I have been healed many times when I was at the point of death. He has healed my children the same way. I believe in the Lord and all of the Church's teachings. May God bless everyone, is my prayer and desire.—Mrs. Adala Cupp.

Thank God for a Christian Home

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga.—Dear Readers: The Lord has been so good to me, and I praise His dear name for it. When I got saved and sanctified, we lived in two rented rooms. I prayed for God to give me a job and promised Him if He would, I would always pay tithes of all I earned. He answered my prayer. Today we own a 100-acre farm and in 1944 we built a new house on it. God gave it to us. I had never heard but a few sermons and had never heard of the Church of God, but started going to Monroe Church of God and received the good Holy Ghost and was added to the Monroe Church of God. I thank God for a Savior who will guide us if we will only heed His voice. Through many prayers and much fasting I have a Christian home today. I give God all the praise. He will surely bless us if we obey Him.

In May, 1945, my husband was called to the Army. Again God came on the scene and answered the prayers of the good people of the Monroe Church of God. He only stayed in service six months and twenty-six

days. I thank and praise God for hearing and answering prayer. What He has done for us He will do for others. Pray for my husband, that He will soon receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for me, that I will live my life so it will be a worthy testimony for Him who has done so much for me. I have stepped out on divine healing and the Lord has blessed me so. I haven't taken any medicine in a year.—Catherine Peters.

Can We Slumber While Souls Are Lost?

Dear Readers of the Evangel, in the summer of 1938, while working in a corn field, God moved on my heart to write and have printed a gospel tract. I was a little troubled about the money matter as I didn't have any income outside of a day once in a while for the neighbors. Anyway, I began to pray and work. One evening while in prayer, it seemed I was caught away from this world for a while. I saw a great lid turned back in the earth and I beheld a great lake of what seemed to be liquid fire and upon what seemed mighty waves. People would come in view with the most horrible looks upon their faces. They would scream at me to warn the people. Then, as a picture upon the screen, this vanished, and I saw my little tracts with white wings fly to various parts of the earth. I didn't lose any time getting tracts printed, and, as in my vision, I have lived to know they have accomplished their purpose.

Now my heart is crying out in behalf of the German people. Will you pray with me that speedily I can get 10,000 tracts printed in their language and on their way? I am expecting the Lord to give me a great army out of this land to hold up the Savior who died for the world. My tract will be a love letter to these people, John 3:16. Pray, pray. How can we slumber while souls drop into eternal dark night?—Emmett Sharp, Rt. 1, Box 171, Woodlawn, Va.

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A WISE FATHER MAKETH A GLAD SON

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if he does a certain thing you will whip him; then when he goes ahead and does it, he knows that he will be whipped for it—and the punishment is still related to the act.

And now the relation in point of time. A child in the early school years can concentrate on one thing for only about twenty minutes at a time. If a child misbehaves in public and you promise him a trip to the woodshed after the company has gone, or after church, the trip to the woodshed is virtually worthless, because he has forgotten what he did wrong. The chief result of most such whippings is to make the child fear the parent, and unfortunately, "fear casteth out perfect love." Now, what I have said here about rapid forgetting does not conflict with my statement about children's remembering better than adults, because the key lies in the emotional nature of the experience—but that gets off the point. Just remember: do not shame a child by punishing him in public; and if he disobeys your orders in the presence of others, there is something wrong that will not be fixed by your giving him a whipping an hour or two later.

Rule 3. Punishment should be consistent.

Example: A child gets away with some neglect or failure ten times; finally the parent gets irritated and without warning punishes the child. Wrong! Example: A child disobeys around the house and gets away with it; he disobeys in church and is punished for it. Wrong! The poor child knows nothing about such things as vanity and face-saving, to explain your inconsistency. Example: A young boy is warned of a whipping for staying outside after nightfall. One time the parent shakes a pencil at him, another time he gets whipped a little bit, and three other times the parent looks at him wearily and moans, "why are boys like they are?"—and the boy comes to learn that his parents' threats don't amount to anything, and gets the habit of disobeying. Wrong, tragically wrong! Keep your promises, if they are for just cause.

What one should strive for is balance. Most of the traditional woodpile sessions can well be avoided, if the parent makes a sincere effort to understand the child and to make the punishment an instructive experience. But there are times when corporal

punishment seems the only solution, so let it be firm, consistent, and not in the spirit of anger. Avoid using shame as a punishment. Do not tell a child that you "don't love him any more" as a punishment, for you can love the child while not the misdeed. And I even dislike to mention the brutality of punishing a child until he cries and then beating him to make him stop crying, but it is all too common. The only person who can punish another with beneficial results is he who commands the respect and admiration of the wrongdoer. So no matter how much "parental authority" a father may think he has, if he is not in the above class, he should look well lest his punishment produce only resentment and rebellion, rather than the "peaceable fruit of righteousness."

I should be very happy if these suggestions prove helpful in even two or three families. I am satisfied that if a young parent would memorize these three main rules and then simply pause to check them each time before punishing a child, he would know the joy of some day having the son or daughter shake his hand and thank him for those wise and just punishments. THEN would be the day when "a wise son maketh a glad father" (Prov. 10:1).

WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICAN MARRIAGES?

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er. She is not his girl, his mother, his pal or his boss.

If the home is the foundation of the nation and of society, which it is, we as a people had better begin making real homes and real families. It has become increasingly popular to regard youngsters as a bore and to seize every possible means to escape their company. Children raised by such couples will inevitably be bored by everything in marriage except pleasure. But the good life is not a pleasure hunt. If we want to be happy, we must pursue happiness, not pleasure. And the measure of a happy person is his ability to be tough with himself and tender with others.

If we are to give marriages their proper start, we must change the ideas and values of those who are to marry. The question of the young man must not be: Who's the cutest number I know? The young woman must not ask: Who will treat me like a bride forever? The question most

likely to yield the right lifetime answer is this:

Is she the best mother I can find for my children? He the best father?

Or phrase it: Would I want to be her child? His?

CONVENTIONS

Louisiana State Camp Meeting and Convention

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under the able leadership of our Sister John L. Byrd, gave a glowing report of the work the women are doing. We thank God for this.

The young people of the State have the victory and are working hard with Brother Owen McManus, who, with never-tiring zeal and enthusiasm, keeps them encouraged to go forward.

The singing and instrumental music? Well, it was as good as is found anywhere. We have some wonderful talent in Louisiana, and it is being used for God's glory.

The offerings for expense, special offerings for the evangelist, for our overseer, for Sister Byrd, for the orphans and for missions were freely given. There was no *pulling* of the congregation to give. The people gave out of the abundance of their hearts and the offerings were ample.

You say, "Is that all?" No, that is not all. There was more, much more that was felt but can not be expressed in words. How the sweet Spirit of God came down in our midst and filled our hearts to overflowing, the shout of victory . . . the messages in tongues . . . all that goes to make a convention a cherished memory of God's blessed presence.

Louisiana is moving forward for God. The church is growing and glowing. The fire of God is burning and you will be hearing more of us. Why not come over and help us? The harvest truly is great and the laborers few.—Sisters Dorcas Sharp and Laura Bruhl, convention clerks.

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A TESTIMONY Though He Slay Me, Yet Will I Trust Him

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in the hospital and they did not know that she would live. God in His infinite mercy spared her to us.

Mother was not there to say a comforting word, but I had prayed and had been praying for these three that they would be saved, but as I prayed I knew God had heard and answered my prayer. I had a son in the U. S. Army, also one in defense work in the Dutch West Indies. It cost \$28 to send him a message. The Red Cross came in and sent one to him, also to the soldier. The Red Cross took care of everything. The Lord sent help when it was needed. He always comes on time, praise His sweet name. I just cannot praise Him enough. He has done so much for me.

Our pastor, Rev. Ruth Justin, stayed with us, and our good state overseer, Rev. William Morris, and his co-worker came and prayed. As we all prayed, the glory of the Lord filled the room. Oh, we had so many of God's people with us. It was wonderful. The day of the funeral, the undertaker said, "These people can't stand these prayers and let's get them back home." Well, the Lord knew we could stand it. Rev. William Morris brought the message. People from all walks of life were there to witness four funerals at one time, but the Lord was there with us. After the service, I wanted to go back to my loved ones. Some said, "No." Brother William Morris and Evangelist Emma Newman took me and I knelt at each casket and said a prayer. When I reached the last one, I prayed, "Not my will but thine be done," and the power fell. Even the undertaker said he had never witnessed anything like it. Ten preachers attended the funeral. Rev. William Winters and Rev. Walter Pettitt sang two selections. I have never questioned why all this had to come to me but I did pray for strength to bear it. Mr. Ricker, too, is clinging close to Him.

After all of this, on January 14, 1945, I received a telegram that my son, twenty-two years old, who had gone across in October, 1944, was killed on the battlefield December 24, 1944; instantly killed. Well, praise the Lord, he did not suffer. Oh, friends, there is so much to be thankful for. Some might say, "I don't see much in this to be thankful for." Well, I see much to praise Him for. I was wounded and

I want you to know the enemy was right there telling me I had prayed for that soldier and "now you see what has happened. Don't pray anymore. There is no use." The good church folks came and stayed. Rev. William Smith and his good wife came. I could not pray one word. The only thing I could say was, "Please, dear Lord, don't leave me; stay with us." I would get my Bible and try to read, but I just could not see the print. But each time I would open to 2 Corinthians 9 and all I could see to read was, "My grace is sufficient," and that was my comfort. Things, I will admit, looked dark. The neighbors and friends came in and could not understand. I said, "Lord, all I can do is to hold fast to your unchanging hand." Rev. Morris, state overseer, came in the day I had the memorial. He said such comforting words. I saw things in a different light. I had a beautiful letter from his commanding officer, the best I have ever heard, and wish there were space to have it printed, but the letter was just like my boy. He was in this company less than a month and had made many friends. I told the Lord that if his soul was saved, which was best of all, just to lift the sorrow, and I got up from my knees and sang the hallelujah song. I gave God all the glory.

I am well taken care of, both Brother Ricker and myself. The Lord healed Mr. Ricker of a very bad heart caused from the fire. The doctor said he should do no work. When last examined the doctor said his heart was O.K. I had a very bad eye and the Lord completely healed it.

Last November 14, 1945, our little grandson, eight years old, passed away very suddenly, and his father, my son, is in a very bad condition. He has a bad shadow over the lower part of each lung. I want all who read this to pray for him, that he will be saved and spared to his little family. We still need your prayers for I know not

what still awaits us, but I can say like Job, "Though he slay me yet will I trust him."—Lila B. Ricker, 15 Summer St., Augusta, Maine.

REVIVAL

GREENBAY, Va.—We thank the Lord for the good revival we have just closed here at Marble Hill, which lasted for two weeks. Brother James E. Perry, of North Carolina, was the evangelist. Five were saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and two added to the church.

The Lord blessed us wonderfully. Any church would do well to get Brother Perry for a revival. He is a real man of God.

Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us in the church here.—Mrs. W. A. Nelson, clerk.

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